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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 99 million eggs during May, up 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 76 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,260,000 birds, up less than 1 percent from 4,254,000 a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,324 eggs, compared with 2,210 in 2012.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 8.02 billion during May 2013, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.92 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 79 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2013 averaged 345 million, up 1 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,327 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2012.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of May, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 18.59 million chicks, down 6 percent from last year's 19.83 million chicks.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2013 totaled 775 million, down slightly from May 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on June 1, 2013, up 1 percent from a year earlier.